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"Years later, my interest in space was renewed when my father bought a telescope. For many nights, we attempted to set it up in the backyard and get an up-close look at the heavenly bodies. I say 'attempted' because we never got it to work and ended up going inside and looking at the pictures on the telescope box." **RONNIE WILLMARTH, LIFE & TIMES**

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END OF THE YEAR 2011

All students are expected to leave campus within 24 hours after their last exam or by 10 a.m. Friday, May 20.

RESIDENCE HALL CLOSINGS:

Non-seniors participating in graduation must check out before 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21. Seniors are expected to be out of their halls by 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Check-out will not be permitted during graduation exercises.

CHECKOUT:

A PA must inspect all rooms and suites before checkout. There is a \$10 fine for not doing so. Rooms, suites, and bathrooms must be left clean and neat. Dust mop your floor, dust furniture and window-sills, remove all trash and lock all windows. The PA will check the room for cleanliness and damages.

CARPENTER'S HANDS

The Carpenter's Hands ministry is looking for a student passionate about serving the community through leadership of a dedicated team of peers in aiding the elderly and needy through maintenance and construction. If you think you would serve well in a capacity such as this, email us at carpenters@taylor.edu or apply online at <https://taylor-sa.edu.185r.net/application/login/>.

-Mason Winsauer and
Brad Peterson

TAYLOR MOVES ON FROM SPACESHIP



Taylor union takes off as plans for new student center roll in.

Graphic by Tim Riethmiller

Taylor's student union, in existence since 1972, has fallen to overcrowding. What was once the place to eat is now a spot primarily filled with upperclassmen and homework. As a result, Taylor has considered building another student union to better serve the students' needs.

Since January, faculty and staff have joined forces to move forward in the development of the building. Skip Trudeau, dean of student development, and Steve Austin, associate dean of students, are two key faculty members leading the committee. This semester, students, faculty, staff and administration alike

analyzed several different options of what to include in the new student center.

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WITH REPORTING BY

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STAFF WRITER

As part of this process, the administration reached out directly to the student body by recruiting a team of five students to voice their insights.

Kayla Birt, senior and student body vice president, learned the process behind planning the new student center.

"I've been able to see how much thought, care and precision goes into a new building on Taylor's campus," Birt said. "People from the administration down to staff members were saying, 'we need to

think about is this promoting the community or is this the message of Taylor?'"

Birt also explained the students' desire to have nooks and places to study for a variety of group sizes. The committee discussed all angles of each potential idea in terms of the students and other members of the Taylor community who will use it as well.

The proposed ideas include open areas connecting outdoors, meeting rooms, a coffee shop, grill, a large multi-purpose venue and ample room to focus and work on homework.

This new student center is said to be more than

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JOB MARKET RISES

*Compared to years past, employment
opportunities increase for graduating seniors*

The job market looks promising for 2011 college graduates.

KYLA MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

"Employers plan to hire 19.3 percent more recent graduates this year ... Not only can these companies now afford to hire graduates, they need to because they put it off during the recession, according to the article "2011 college grads finding a better job market" by Marisa Kendall in USA Today.

Jill Smith, associate dean of students and director of career development, attested to this fact being evident at Taylor.

"In the last two years, it's just been a struggle to get employers to come because of the economy and how they have been intentionally downsizing or not doing the same things recruiting-wise," Smith said.

But this year is different.

According to Smith, graduating seniors have accepted positions at elementary schools, seminaries, internships, masters programs and as ESL teachers, and several companies seeking IT professionals have contacted her for applicants.

Senior Alison Grunden found many open elementary teaching positions, but she instead plans to spend the

summer leading a mission trip to Ireland through Reign Ministries, based in Minnesota. This organization influenced her life when she attended as a student.

"An opportunity came up for me to return, and I asked if I could return as a staff member," Grunden said.

Reign Ministries focuses on discipling its students. Their motto is "Summer of service for a lifetime of ministry," according to Grunden.

Grunden chose this position to improve her leadership skills. She has questions about leadership she hopes will be answered this summer.

"At what point do you step up for that ownership for the good or the bad? At what point do you have to step forward and say, 'This is my responsibility?'"

Gruden took time to pray and seek guidance about this position as she will be gone this June and July, the opportune time to apply and interview for teaching positions.

"In talking with my family, I just knew that this was something God was directing me toward, and this was something that God wanted me

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SEXUAL ASSAULT OFTEN UNREPORTED

Similar to the majority of colleges, sexual assault is under-reported at Taylor University. The National Institute for Justice states it is "widely considered to be the most underreported crime in America."

Campus security reports from 2009 found on Taylor, Huntington, Indiana Wesleyan, Grace and Anderson's websites claim zero instances of sexual assault. Also in 2009, Ball State reports one case and Indiana University in Bloomington claims 24 occurrences.

Yet an absence of official and confirmed reports of sexual assault at Taylor does not mean the crime does not occur here.

"Just under three percent of all college women become a victim to rape," according to the National Institute of Justice. Bob Neideck, Taylor University counselor, said the counseling center talks to students each year who convey some form of sexual assault either on campus, in off-campus housing or on another off-campus site.

"I don't for a second think we have this dangerous community where

ABBY HAVERDINK
CONTRIBUTOR

there is sexual assault going on all over the place, but I think there are some variations of that which aren't being reported," said chief of police Jeff Wallace.

Taylor's police department can only handle cases in its jurisdiction. In the past, students have come forward

about sexual abuse that happened back home or at another school. The campus police can only offer support and help these students connect with the appropriate department.

Wallace believes a misconception of the definition of sexual assault plays a significant role in the lack of reports.

Breaking down the federal law's definition, Wallace explains sexual assault as "any type of physical touching of another individual against their will that is sexual in nature."

"Many students believe that sexual assault only means rape, and if they weren't raped, they don't think they should be upset or hurt," echoed Neideck. "That's not the case. Any kind

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FACULTY RECEIVE NEW ACCOLADES

Several Taylor professors were recognized with awards this week for dedication and excellence in their profession.

On Monday in Honors Chapel, Scott Gaier was awarded the Dr. Joe Burnworth Teaching Award and JoAnn Rediger was presented with the Distinguished Professor Award. On Thursday, James Spiegel received the Forman Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award. Each candidate was chosen through different but equally rigorous selection procedures, and the consensus was clear from all who commented that the awards were richly deserved.

Gaier serves as the coordinator of the Academic Enrichment Center and as an assistant professor. His

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NEWS CO-EDITOR

award recognizes faculty who have exhibited great promise and have made distinctive contributions to the academic and community life of Taylor in their first five years.

Gaier began at Taylor in 2006. He garnered praise from students and colleagues alike in his nomination forms.

"He helped me believe that I am a good student and I am capable of doing things," one student wrote. "If it wasn't for Dr. Gaier, I'm pretty sure that I would not be at Taylor this year. He is a great man of God and teacher."

Another student lauded Gaier's willingness to go above and beyond. "He is a tremendous person both in and out of the classroom," he wrote.



Photo by Jim Garringer

Dr. Spiegel, with wife Amy and Dean Faye Chechowich celebrate Spiegel's new award.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Today
84°
59°

Saturday
74°
56°

Sunday
72°
46°

NEW UNION CONTINUED...

55,000 square feet, which is a significant increase from the current 12,000 in the union today. It will be LEED certified, meaning the building will use as much renewable energy as possible to limit carbon footprint.

For previous building projects, Taylor typically has a design, bid, building process, location and then an architect followed by a builder, said Trudeau.

“This is a design [first and then] build. So there is no bidding. The bidding is done at the beginning,”Trudeau said. “You have

an architect and a builder forming a partnership from the beginning ... And we’ve never done that before so it’s kind of a new process.”

Over the summer, the final group of five—recently narrowed down from more than 12 different proposals—will create complete design proposals for Taylor and in the next academic year, the one best fitting the purpose and objective of Taylor will be chosen.

Once the right proposal is decided upon, the next step will be the design approvals and the inevitable and necessary fund-raising.

JOB MARKET RISES CONTINUED...

to be a part of,” Grunden said. “When I thought about being gone this summer, [there] was definitely a peace ... and at the same time just knowing that if this is where God is sending me ... that in some way he will provide a job.”

Senior Dave Baker recently accepted a position as a creative services producer. His position will deal with video production and web at the George Washington Medical Faculty Associates in Washington, D.C.

“I’m excited to get a job in my field of study,” said Baker, a media communication major who attributed finding his new opportunity to networking.

Senior Mandy McConnell, an English education major, is returning to her job

at Target this summer.

“I think there are jobs, it’s just that ... you need to be open to looking outside your major and not getting the dream job that you thought you were going to get straight out of college,” McConnell said.

McConnell has not found a major-related job because she chose to savor her final days on campus, putting the job search on hold for the year.

“I really wanted to enjoy Taylor while it lasted and not be bogged down in my room, filling out applications,” McConnell said.

The career development center hosts events throughout the year such as job fairs and days for employers to interview students to make the job search a little easier. Student attendance was low at interviews.

“We have a hard time getting students

Even though the exact date of completion is unknown, Trudeau is excited about the prospect of continuing Taylor’s intentional community through the new student center, and Birt agrees.

“It will definitely add a distinct new feeling to campus, and it won’t just be a union for seniors and off campus,” Birt said. “I think students will really benefit from this building a lot if the way it will change dynamics of the campus.”

Students can expect to hear more developments as proposals move forward and plans become more concrete.

to take advantage of it,” Smith said. “Once the employers come, if the students don’t show up, it’s hard to get the employers back.”

On one such occasion, 49 employers came only to be greeted by four students.

The career development center wants to help students in any way possible.

“We’re here when they need us,” Smith said. “We are here for them whether they need help with networking or the job search process ... or just kind of talking things through.”

Throughout the summer, the career development center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and accepts emails and calls from students in need of guidance.

SEXUAL ASSAULT CONTINUED...

of coerced sexual violation is assault, and they should be encouraged to seek help if they want.”

“Most sexual assault is perpetrated by someone that the victim knows, not a stranger,” Neideck said. “Alcohol is involved in at least 50 percent of all sexual assaults and some reports show the number to be closer to 80 percent.”

If an adult approaches the counseling center concerning sexual assault, the counselor must keep the information confidential.

However, Wallace says students who report sexual assault to the police “can expect our full support and the entire strength of the criminal justice system behind them.”

“When you go to the police department, you are now acknowledging the fact that a crime has occurred,” Wallace said. “This makes it difficult for a person to get to this point. He can expect that we truly care about them because sometimes the system isn’t so kind.”

The system unfolds as following:

The victim of sexual assault must decide

to file a report with the Taylor University Police Department.

After the individual informs the department, the police and appropriate vice president investigate the claims.

After collecting substantial information, the police consult the prosecutor’s office, which then looks over the case to determine if enough information exists to press charges. If the prosecutor’s office agrees, Wallace says charges will be pressed.

Additional information about Taylor’s sexual assault policy is located on the website.

FACULTY AWARDS CONTINUED...

“Dr. Gaier gets involved with students outside of academics as well, playing in intramural games and playing catch with others ... he has truly made an impact on my and many others’ lives.”

Rediger was also praised for her efforts in and out of the classroom as a professor and as director of vocal ensembles at Taylor.

“I was in Chorale with her for two years,” said senior Emily Harris. “She is the most joyful, positive woman I have ever met and also extremely humble.”

Sophomore Rachel Luce is also a member of the Taylor Chorale. “I think that Dr. Rediger is an amazing director, and she really pushes us to do our best, often resulting in us being able to produce music that is well above the average chorale,” Luce said. “She’s always full of energy that pulls us up whenever we’re feeling a bit tired or anything.”

Dr. Rediger shared the praise for her recent achievement, which is awarded

to professors who have served for a minimum of 10 years and meet a variety of demanding criteria.

“Praise God for colleagues who have made me better in the classroom and ensembles and for every student who has graced my life,” Rediger said.

Speigel, who serves as a professor and coaches the Ethics Bowl team along with Jeff Cramer, was formally recognized for his award on Thursday and called it a tremendous honor. The Forman Award acknowledges a faculty member who has demonstrated significant expertise in original research, writing or other scholarly projects and academic excellence in teaching and a notable spiritual life.

Speigel credited his colleagues, students, wife and children, who encourage, inspire and prod him to “deeper inquiry and exploration.” He recognized the generosity of the award’s sponsors, the Formans.

“While Taylor faculty aren’t primarily motivated by such prizes to do quality research and writing, this award makes a powerful statement about the significance

of scholarship in Christian higher education,” Speigel said. “Ideally, a professor’s research and writing enhances his or her teaching, and vice versa. I’ve certainly found this to be true in my own case. My scholarly work improves me as a teacher, and my classroom experiences inspire me as a scholar.”

“Dr. Spiegel is an inspiration,” said John Taylor, a recent graduate. “Few professors can meet you at a personal level and challenge you like he can.”

Senior Rachel Jonker said that Speigel equips his students to grapple with difficult and controversial ideas in philosophy by clearly explaining arguments and then challenging them to evaluate them.

“He is one of the most encouraging professors I have had at Taylor, because he affirms students’ abilities and challenges them to go further,” Jonker said. “Spiegel has encouraged and equipped me to be a Christian voice in the philosophical world, which is in desperate need of the truth.”

NEW BOOK HAS TAYLOR ROOTS

MANDOLYN HECOX
NEWS CO-EDITOR

Taylor faculty and administration recently collaborated with an Indiana Wesleyan University professor to write a guide to Christian colleges that was published last month.

Dean of student development Skip Trudeau and professor Timothy Herrmann co-wrote the 192-page book, “A Parent’s Guide to the Christian College: Supporting Your Child’s Mind and Spirit During the College Years,” along with Todd Ream from Indiana Wesleyan.

While parents researching secular colleges often have a plethora of advice to choose from, the authors hope it provides insight for parents in the niche market of Christian colleges.

“There were really several issues that accounted for our interest in doing this,” Herrmann said. “First, we believe deeply

in the potential of a Christian higher education. It can and should be absolutely life changing. In keeping with this, we know that parents play a huge role in the experience that most students have in college. However, that role can be positive or negative.”

Herrmann explained that a large purpose of the book is focused on informing parents about the purposes and practices of Christian higher education, how college students develop and the challenges they face and the level of parental involvement that is appropriate.

Herrmann said the biggest difficulties in writing the guide were determining which topics to include and finding time to research and write while still focusing on duties such as teaching students.

Herrmann and Trudeau have known Ream, for some time as a professional

colleague and a scholar.

“[Ream] is a prolific author, and when he proposed the idea we immediately thought that it would be a helpful piece and that it would be very rewarding to collaborate,” Herrmann said.

Trudeau agreed.

“Working with [Ream] and [Herrmann] was a great experience,” Trudeau said. “They are both very knowledgeable, creative and fun to work with. “The ability to interact on a consistent basis with them was very rewarding, and I learned a great deal from them. Writing this was a lot of work, but collaborating with [Ream] and [Herrmann] made it enjoyable.”

The book, which was published April 15, is now available in the Taylor campus store and on Amazon.com.

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FRIDAY

CHAPEL - BACCALAUREATE
Rev. Dr. David Ki Suk Choi, Seoul, South Korea
Rediger Auditorium
10 a.m.

STUDENT SHORT FILM PREMIER NIGHT
Metcalf 002
6:30 p.m.

SENIOR RECITAL
Reed Spencer, Baritone
Butz Carruth Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

SENIOR RECITAL
Rebecca Durovey, Soprano
Peter O’Neill, Tenor
Butz Carruth Recital Hall
3 p.m.

SUNDAY

SENIOR RECITAL
Darren Mclean, Composition
Butz Carruth Recital Hall
3 p.m.

SENIOR RECITAL
Carol Moore, Trumpet
Christina Gatti, Soprano
Butz Carruth Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

NO CHAPEL—FINALS WEEK

TUESDAY

SAC STUDY BREAK
IFC presents the band Free Energy
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RUSSIAN RIFT

IN POWER AND AT ODDS

CHRISTEN GALL, WORLD EDITOR



President Dmitri Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin attend a ceremony in Moscow on Sunday

Both the offices of prime minister and president are rarely represented in one country. Many would say that two powerful heads of state would be too much for one country to handle. Russia has managed this combination without complaint from the people. But is the harmonious duo really as tranquil as they appear?

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and President Dmitri Medvedev have shared power in Russia for the past three years, with the two teaming up to attract the elite and the average man to their government, but recent activity has led Russians and other international spectators to question whether division is growing between the two leaders.

The New York Times recently reported on rifts arising between the men. Putin and Medvedev have taken opposing positions on the NATO operation in Libya—Putin condemned it, while Medvedev supported action by NATO. President Medvedev reported to Chinese television that the next presidential candidate would be announced soon, but former President Putin contradicted this statement, saying the candidate would not be announced in the near future.

Putin was appointed prime minister in 1999, and took the office of president in 2000, which he held for eight years. He personally selected Medvedev as his successor. Before entering into politics, Putin obtained a law degree from Leningrad State University, specializing in international law, and later served in the K.G.B. from the 1970s to the early 1990s as a counter-

intelligence officer abroad.

He was appointed deputy chief of the Presidential Budget and Management Office in 1996 and continued to rise in power. In the 2000 presidential election Putin received 53 percent of the vote while the 2004 election brought in 71 percent of the vote.

Medvedev is a former lawyer and law professor and considered technologically savvy with both a Twitter account and a blog. He worked in business and politics in St. Petersburg before his political career took off and was the campaign manager for Putin in his re-election in 2004. He is one of Russia's youngest presidents at 41 years old.

Though this is only Medvedev's first term in office he has expressed the desire to return to the classroom to lecture about his experience in power.

Putin has not publically expressed the desire to run again for the presidency, but experts believe he wants his old job back in the center of politics. Many say Putin would easily win if he did run again because of his popularity with the people.

The LA Times reported Dmitry Oreshkin saying "Medvedev himself understands that he is no match for Putin." Oreshkin is a senior analyst with the Institute of Geography. "Even if both men run, Putin, apart from his popularity, controls the central election commission, whose head is his personal friend and loyal supporter ... In Russia, it doesn't count how people vote; it's how the votes are counted."

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WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

TRY CUENCA, ECUADOR

MARIA MARTIN, CONTRIBUTOR

Summer is almost here. For most students, this means going home and taking a break from classes, some getting a job to help with tuition and others traveling with family or friends. Still other students will continue their studies overseas.

For the month of June, a group of 15 Taylor students seeking to fulfill their basic Spanish requirements will make their home in Cuenca, Ecuador, living with host families as they immerse themselves in Ecuador's culture.

"Although I only spent a month in Ecuador, they truly embraced me as a daughter and family member," senior Jess Larson said of her host family. Larson spent June 2010 in Cuenca and said she has learned a lot from the experience.

"The relationships that I built with my host family are still shaping me today," Larson said. "This program really changed my perspective on family."

Larson, an International Studies and Spanish double major, had previously traveled to both Mexico and Costa Rica, but she learned a great deal from experiencing Cuenca's culture.

"I began to appreciate how diverse Latin American culture is from country to country and even city to city," she said.

Though she enjoyed her experience, Larson believes she would have benefited from more time in Ecuador.

"Four weeks is a rather short time to acclimate to a different country and a new environment," she said.

Junior Media Writing major Jon Stroshine studied in Cuenca at the same time as Larson. While getting to know his host family was also his favorite aspect of the trip, he found the class load to be

rather heavy.

"We had class every day from 8 to noon," he said, "and we frequently had another three hours of class in the afternoon."

Despite the daunting workload, Stroshine gained a lot from his experience.

"I learned a ton, and that learning has helped take me to the next level of speaking Spanish," he said. "I know that some students are struggling to find something to do this summer, and study abroad programs are a great way to do something worthwhile with that time."

Students possibly choose to study abroad during the summer "because they can't fit a study abroad experience into the school year, and yet they don't want to miss out on the wonderful opportunities that are offered here at Taylor," off-campus program assistant Trudy Gowin said.

Larson agrees.

"I didn't have to worry about missing any of my requirements for either of my majors," she said. "Also, I was able to have a wonderful experience without missing out on a semester with my friends at Taylor."

Freshman exercise science major Abby Moore, who will be studying in Ecuador this summer, has spoken to both Larson and Stroshine about their experiences. When asked what she most looks forward to, Moore said.

"The potential of being able to speak Spanish more fluently, and living with an Ecuadorian host family."

This summer's trip to Ecuador departs May 30 and returns to the States July 2.

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STUDY ABROAD BLOGS

"Rural home stay. I was not completely sure what that entailed when I came to Uganda, but I knew I would do one, and I knew I was excited about it. At our short orientation session something was said that stood out to me, but I did not fully understand it: "It is not a standard of living, but a lifestyle." That was about a week before we left. The night I was packing I pulled out the paper that I had written it on and something clicked. They weren't just going to throw us into some poor families in Africa who have to grow their own food and can't afford to live in cities. The families we were going to spend a week with were there intentionally. It is a lifestyle that they chose in the midst of a wildly progressive world; and it is a beautiful lifestyle that 80 percent of the country enjoys."

—Caitlin Black Studying in Uganda

"Friday, an Aboriginal man came into class and taught us how to play a didgeridoo, how to throw a spear and how to throw a boomerang. The didgeridoo was hard, but the other two were really fun. I bought a boomerang from him that he had painted. After class, I went to Paddy's market. It's a huge market with lots of cheap souvenirs and stuff I walked around for about two hours and maybe saw about half of the booths."

—Casey Snyder Studying in Australia

WORLD VOICES

"We do not target individuals. We target military capabilities that can be used to attack civilians."

—NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen

On This Day in History

- 1568 - The forces of Mary Queen of Scots were defeated by forces under forces led by James Stewart.
- 1607 - Jamestown was founded in Virginia.
- 1846 - President Polk declares war on Mexico.
- 1958 - Vice President Richard Nixon's car was attacked by angry crowds in Venezuela during a visit to South America.
- 1981 - Pope John Paul II was shot and wounded in Rome, Italy.



IT'S A BIRD. IT'S A PLANE.
IT'S A JET WING?

Wearing a rocket-powered "jet wing" on his back, Swiss Adventurer Yves "Jetman" Rossy soared over the Grand Canyon at speeds of up to 190 mph Saturday. Accompanied by a few witnesses and his support team, Rossy crossed the canyon in eight minutes, completing his first U.S. flight. He's already flown over the English Channel and the Alps.



A REQUEST BY ANY
OTHER WOULDN'T
SPELL AS SWEET

In Shelton, Conn., high school senior James Tate risked more than hurt feelings when he asked Sonali Rodrigues to prom. In the middle of the night, Tate taped large cardboard letters on the school's entrance, spelling: "Sonali Rodrigues, Will you go to prom with me? HMU [hit me up] Tate." Rodrigues said yes, but unfortunately, school officials banned Tate from attending prom for trespassing and risking his life. Now 30,000 people have joined a Facebook group to support the potential prom date.



GOOGLE AND FACEBOOK
BUTT HEADS

An anti-Google campaign backfired when journalists and bloggers unearthed that PR giant Burson-Marsteller had been paid by Facebook to spread false rumors of Google violating user privacy. Details have emerged that Facebook is taking measures to compete with Google to retain ownership of the world social map—the web of connections that links you with everyone you interact with.



A SPIRITUAL WORLD

New scientific studies are supporting the belief that religion comes naturally for human beings. According to Roger Tigg, an Oxford-based project co-director, widespread belief in the afterlife and purposeful natural phenomena lend themselves to religious ways of thinking. The Oxford study claims that religion, despite some contemporary beliefs, is not private and is instead both universal and prevalent.

COMMUNION UNIFIES CAMPUS

RACHEL VACHON CONTRIBUTOR



Students gathered together in Rediger Auditorium for the all campus communion Tuesday night. The night was filled with worship, testimonials and communion.

Rediger Auditorium was packed with students and faculty partaking in the Lord's Supper and praying for the 2011 graduating class.

Silence covered the room Tuesday night as students bent their heads in reverent prayer during all-campus communion. This time of worship and reflection brought many people together under one roof and one God for a common purpose. The student body was united during an occasion devoted to seeking God, hearing testimonies and breaking bread together.

Graduate students, Meleca Consultado and Andrew Lehr, leaders of the women's and men's programming, organized the night for students to take a break from their typical busy lives at college.

As the evening progressed, testimonies from representatives of each class were interspersed with worship led by seniors Maggie Burns and Eric Hochhalter. The speakers encouraged and challenged listeners and discussed what they have learned and how God has worked in their lives. Stories of heartbreak, disappointment, challenges and joys were shared with conviction and vulner-

ability.

Freshman Emily Stadt and junior Dave Moran shared how God has worked in their lives throughout the hard times. Stadt is a tennis player who learned to rely on God as she struggled with tendonitis.

"I needed to trust God and let him do his work in me without me getting in the way," Stadt said. "Through the pain and the healing, my entire life was changed."

Moran talked about his struggle to make himself vulnerable to others.

"That's when it becomes real, when the mask comes off," he said.

Sophomore Chris Martin and senior Reed Spencer shared about God's love. Martin said two of the lessons he learned were the importance of prayer and knowing God by getting involved in various ministries.

Similarly, Spencer said God has a "simple, unre-

lenting love" and "big plans for the small places."

Graduate student of the MARS program, Valerie Prescott, reminded us that some things remain consistent despite life changes.

"The most important relationships have continuity because we are bound in Christ and in his love, and nothing will ever change that," she said.

Following this time, provost Steve Bedi challenged students to keep their eyes fixed on God throughout their trials. Then professor of biblical studies Ed Meadors led everyone in communion, commemorating Christ's sacrifice for the cleansing of sins. Meadors also led prayer for the graduating seniors.

"We are the body of Christ," said sophomore Kat Broersma, who added that all-campus communion unified the student body.

With one heart and mind, students raised their hands in worship and took communion with one another as the body of Christ.

SENIOR QUOTES FOR CONSIDERATION:



Sarah Keur
(Christian Education):

"Be confident that God wants to do big things in your life. Many times we say that we trust God but then doubt how greatly he is working our lives. God's way is always good, even if we, in our finite minds, do not always understand where he is leading us."



Brad Richardson
(Biology):

"It can be surprisingly easy to become complacent in your faith at Taylor if you don't make a personal effort. Take the time to see how your faith fits in with your academics, social life and work. It's amazing to see where one step in your walk can go with the Christian community here."



John Fowler
(Media Communication):

"People who work at Taylor in administrative roles can sometimes seem intimidating to students, but behind the scenes, they can be some of the funniest people on campus. Sorry, Rice Pilaf."



Tyler Harison
(Accounting):

"Kim Miller, Kevin Crawford and Brad Seeman are three of the most caring individuals that I've ever met. Take advantage of the fact that most of your professors truly care about you and want the best for you. I kind of want to be Brad Seeman some day."



Morgan Hunt
(Graphic Design):

"The point of college is to learn something and get a degree, but don't let all your learning happen in a classroom. Take advantage of your wingmates, chapel speakers and pursuing your true passions, and you will graduate happy and well-rounded."



Candice Weatherspoon
(Communication Studies):

"I have been so blessed spending four tremendous years here at Taylor. It's amazing how much I have grown in the Lord. Through spiritual interactions with professors and my fellow peers, God has done a divine work in my life. I will never forget the wonderful experiences I have been through and the tremendous things I have learned. During these last weeks at Taylor, I can honestly say we serve an amazing God!"

FINALS WEEK BINGO!

BRENT CLOUSE
LIFE AND TIMES
CO-EDITOR

Need a break from studying? Yeah, I thought so. Finals weeks is prime time for spotting these springtime rarities - some of which aren't very rare at all - which is good for you because scoring five boxes in a row earns you the coveted title of "The Springmeister."

GAME ON!

BARE BEIGE WALLS	DUMPSTER DIVING	BALLOON POPPING	DC DECLINE	FROLFERS
MORE RAIN?	LAST- MINUTE RING DOWN	RISING HEMLINES	BLOODSHOT ALL-NIGHTER EYES	BOOK RETURN BANK
SUMMER SEPARATION	HOMEWORK BURNING	FREE SPACE	"WEREN'T YOU GONE THIS PAST SEMESTER?"	TOO HOT TO SLEEP
ROLLER BLADE GANGS	OLSON BEACH BUMS	COURSE EVAL OVER LOAD	FRESHMAN CLAIMING SENIORITIS? COME ON!	JORTS
LIBRARY LATE NIGHTS	WISHFUL POWER OUTAGES	TOPLESS SAMMY SUNBATHERS	FOURTH CUP O' JOE TODAY	ROMPERS? WHAT DECADE ARE YOU FROM?

Student Summer Internships

NICK VAN HEEST
CONTRIBUTOR

While many Taylor students spend summer catching up on sleep and hanging out with high school friends, a few courageous souls have been given the opportunity to travel to exciting places and meet exciting people.

Sophomore Josh Larkin is from Minnesota, but this summer he will trade the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" for Alaska—the land of 10,000 glaciers. As a media communication major, Larkin has always enjoyed traveling and meeting people. When he heard a speaker at Exit 59 Church mention a ministry opportunity in Anchorage, Ala., he was sold.

"The speaker told me Anchorage Wesleyan Church was looking for people to go to Alaska and hang out, and that was good enough for me," Larkin said.

Larkin will help plan activities to draw people into the church.

"Anchorage is home to many runaways, exiles and other broken people who need to hear the good news," Larkin said. "I am excited to go to a place where I can see God actively working out his amazing plan."

Tom Vick is a junior professional writing major from Wheaton, Ill. This summer he will be stationed in Tennessee as an administrator for critically-acclaimed writer Steven James, the author of more than 25 novels. Vick met James at a writer's conference last summer at Wheaton, and he took a writing seminar James taught in January.

"At my job I will do some editing, proofreading and will work with James' agents, editors and publicists to increase his media presence," Vick said.

Vick will also help plan the release party for the author's newest novel, "The Queen." Vick hopes to gain important experience working with an author he hopes to emulate one day.

"This internship is ideal for my career inter-

ests in becoming an author, and there is no better way to understand this career than by watching a true professional in the field," Vick said.

Sophomore Hayley Meredith has a heart for missions. This summer she will intern with Global Frontier Missions in Clarkston, Ga. She heard about the organization from a friend who thought it sounded perfect for her.

"Clarkston is located right outside of Atlanta and has a large population of refugees," Meredith said. "My focus will be church planting and building relationships with the Iraqi community."

Meredith hopes to learn how to evangelize to Muslims effectively. She will learn how to use the Quran to point Muslims toward the New Testament. Meredith is excited to see the work God is doing in Clarkston.

"I'm hoping to build some great friendships this summer with my fellow interns and the refugees we'll be focusing on," Meredith said. "I'm also hoping to come away with a heart that's passionate to bridge cultural and religious barriers in order to help others know Jesus."

Junior Colton Kessenich is a biology major from Wisconsin, but this summer he will trade his scalpel for a pair of chopsticks. Kessenich will be teaching English in Seoul, South Korea, to children and adults through a program called TESOL [Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages].

"I've always been good at speaking English, so when I heard about this program through a friend, I thought it would be a great opportunity to share my gift with the world," Kessenich said. "I have a lot of South Korean friends here at Taylor, and I want to immerse myself in their culture the same way they become immersed in American culture while studying here."

As students travel around the world and across the country, they are sure to have memorable experiences.

Are you a Freshman or Sophomore Web programmer?

The library is looking to fill the position of Information Services Web & Technology Specialist for the next 2 or 3 years. If you are good with PHP, Javascript and MySQL and are willing to support the technical needs of the library, we're looking for you!

- Job would start immediately (job orientation)
- No more than 4 hours a week through end of semester
- Full Work Study Hours starting Fall 2011.
- Pay rate is reflective of specialized skills of applicant.

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SUMMER MOVIE PREVIEW

Summer is coming, and the heat and sun are always accompanied by a veritable smorgasbord of explosive, action-packed movies that are sure to satisfy many moviegoers. Summer is the time for big, loud and entertaining movies, and this year is no exception. But with so much coming out, what is really worth your time and what is better left unseen? Well, without further ado, here's my take on the coming summer movie season, and here's a look at what are sure to be some of the summer's biggest hits.

BRADY SCHAAR
CONTRIBUTOR

'PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES'

(May 20)—Captain Jack Sparrow returns (sans Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley) for the fourth installment in the Pirates series. Rob Marshall (“Chicago”) will direct, and with Penelope Cruz, Geoffrey Rush and Ian McShane along for the ride, fingers are crossed that this one will improve on the previous two.



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'X-MEN: FIRST CLASS'

(June 3) – Matthew Vaughn takes over the directing reigns from Bryan Singer in this prequel to the X-Men film franchise. Set during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the film stars James McAvoy (“Wanted”) as Charles Xavier and Michael Fassbender (“Inglourious Basterds”) as Erik Lensherr. Despite some poor early marketing, the recent trailers for this film have shown great promise, and it's bound to be better than “X-Men Origins: Wolverine,” right?



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'SUPER 8'

(June 10) – J.J. Abrams (that guy who did “Lost” and the new “Star Trek”) and Steven Spielberg (that guy who did “Indiana Jones”) team up for an original (gasp!) sci-fi monster movie set in the late '70s in rural Ohio. A train from Area 51 derails, and when mysterious events begin to occur, the local townspeople work to uncover the truth.



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'TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON'

(July 1) – I can't believe I'm saying this, but the third and final Transformers movie actually looks good. Michael Bay returns to direct, and Shia LeBeouf will be coming back without Megan Fox. But I can actually tell what is going on in the trailers (which is more than can be said for the first two), and the action looks spectacular. Consider me interested.



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'CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST AVENGER'

(July 22) – Marvel rounds out its summer season (and its preparations for next year's The Avengers) with Captain America. With Chris Evans (“Fantstic 4”) in the lead role, Tommy Lee Jones (The Fugitive) as the military mentor, and Hugo Weaving (“The Matrix,” “Lord of the Rings”) as the villain, this one looks bound to be good.



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'COWBOYS AND ALIENS'

(July 29) – It's a Western with James Bond (Daniel Craig) and Indiana Jones/Han Solo (Harrison Ford). Oh, and it has aliens. Honestly, what more do you need to know?



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'HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS, PART 2'

(July 15) – The final Harry Potter film will also likely be the biggest box-office success of the summer. With the promise of a two-hour battle sequence with the fate of everyone at stake, Harry Potter is poised to go out with one of the biggest bangs in movie history. It will certainly be a spectacle, and it will hopefully live up to its predecessors.



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LADY GAGA: 'JUDAS'

Lady Gaga is nothing if not controversial, and her video for the single “Judas” is no exception. She sings about being in love with Judas—“Jesus is my virtue / Judas is the demon I cling to”—while at a rave with Jesus and the apostles, who are re-envisioned as a leather-clad biker gang (complete with a golden crown of thorns and personalized leather jackets). The video also features a pistol-slash-lipstick dispenser, Gaga washing Jesus’ feet, and—at the end—Gaga’s death by stoning. Any description of the video I give will be woefully inadequate. There is not nearly enough space to discuss all the religious content in “Judas,” but I wanted to give my perspective on the video’s theoretical and cultural significance.

By using religious imagery, Gaga builds in the viewer an expectation of mockery and insincerity—the way popular culture tends to treat religion. (A good example of this is the video “Judas” has most been compared to—Madonna’s “Like a Prayer,” which uses sacred imagery merely for shock value to make a non-sacred point.) This expectation, ingrained by the decades of separation between pop culture and religion, is shattered by the message contained within the video: everyone has darkness in their lives, and that darkness can become an addiction.

This is by no means unbiblical; in fact, the opposite is true. The apostle Paul expresses the same idea in his epistle to the Romans: “For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.” Gaga has merely translated this into the vernacular of popular culture: “I’m just a holy fool, oh baby he’s so cruel / But I’m still in love with Judas, baby.”



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JESSIE RILEY
CONTRIBUTOR

If one perceives the video not as a sacrilegious attack on the tradition of Christianity by a pop icon but as a sincere statement of struggle from a fellow human being, it is a hugely successful integration of pop culture and religion.

Lady Gaga does not have to struggle to be relevant; she is one of the definers of relevance. The message of the video is both accessible and biblical, an impressive feat in an era in which the CCM (Christian Conservative Music) has lost any cultural power outside Christian circles. The video also reflects the shifting cultural paradigm: the tension between the overwhelming sense of irony and the desperate search for meaning.

Gaga puts herself right into the middle of that shift by taking religious imagery and using it, well, religiously.

She understands where culture is going, and she knows it, singing, “But in the cultural sense, / I just speak in future tense.”

The critical reaction to the video, however, has largely been boredom. It has been dismissed as a Madonna rip-off or a run-of-the-mill Gaga antic.

“This isn’t fresh territory,” wrote one reviewer.

This reaction surprised me. I had expected the video to be more controversial, or at least to have provoked further discussion. It also raises a few questions. What does it say about culture that such a momentous achievement is met with apathy? And what does it say about the image of Christianity that this modern re-imagining evokes boredom rather than intrigue?

I don’t have the answers, but the questions are certainly worth asking.

LOCAL EVENTS

The student-directed shows have been extended another night. Tonight, **“Rabbit Hole”** starts at 5:30 p.m., **“Antigone”** begins at 8 p.m., and **“Butterflies are Free”** ends the night at 10:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact justin_chisham@taylor.edu.

The Honeywell Center in Wabash is hosting renowned artist **Candie Cooper** for her art workshops. Topics in everything from felt decoration to media remixing will be covered, and every workshop is a free event.

For more information, visit www.honeywellcenter.org

Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University is presenting **La Traviata** this weekend. Featuring some of opera’s most loved arias and ensembles, Verdi’s eternally popular La Traviata soars with unparalleled drama and elegance. Tickets start at \$30.

For more information, visit www.cloweshall.org

LOOKING BACK

Dear Readers,
Each week, whether coming out of chapel, going to lunch or walking through Rupp, you pick up the current week's edition of the Echo. It is our privilege to provide you with articles relevant to your life. In our final issue, we thought we would reflect on the pieces you have read this year.

News:
As news editors, we've done our best to make your dose of weekly news lively. We've kept you up to date with the outside world, including healthcare changes, the recent death of Osama bin Laden, the averted U.S. government shutdown and Wikileaks, while giving you Taylor insights on the biggest events and happenings around campus. Even if you don't have a daily news source, we are proud to provide you with it once a week.

World:
The split in Sudan, scandals within the French government, trapped miners in Chile, the tsunami and earthquake in Japan and Mexican drug cartels are just a few of the global events the World section has covered this year. Mosaic Night, professor Kerton-Johnson's Ephesus Initiative, and thoughts from Libby Trudeau after the protests in Egypt brought the world a little closer to Taylor.

Life & Times:
This past year at Life & Times, we've kept you connected with the happenings here on Taylor's campus and beyond. We've spotted Norah, updated you on mission trips and have even dissected the DC's coffee culture. We hope our readers have enjoyed staying in the loop with the latest news that matters to you.

A&E:
This year has sure been interesting. I've covered Elizabeth Taylor, Christian movie sites and The Grammys, all three topics in which I have no particular interest. I have had some great reviews, an entertainment feature merging artistry with haircuts and a guide to chick flicks. Most important for me, though, was the connection between our campus and the wider entertainment culture. Well, that and Pokemon.

Opinions:
Hopefully this year the Opinions page gave you something to discuss at Friday lunch. Maggie Burns

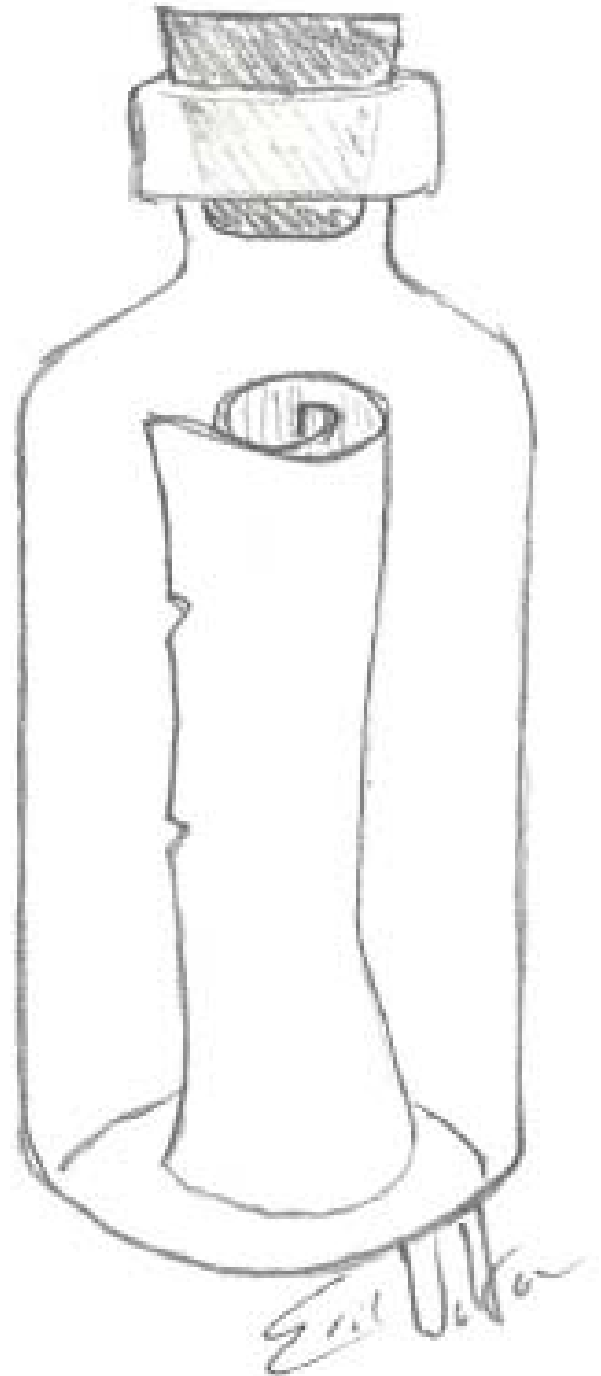
addressed alcohol in the LTC and Mark Dungan encouraged Taylor guys to man up and ask girls out. But we've also tried to burst your Taylor bubble and get you thinking about the rest of the world. Esther Lang informed us about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and several stories dealt with Rob Bell's "Love Wins" and the issue of Universalism. Hearing your opinions has been great, and we look forward to starting more conversations next year.

Sports:
This year in Trojan sports has been full of national recognition and success. While many around the country only covered Taylor's teams when they were having success in national tournaments or competitions, we've been brought you the most comprehensive coverage of your favorite teams all season long. The men's basketball team's "Silent Night" tradition received national attention from ESPN and Sports Illustrated, but we covered it first. This historic year for the Taylor Athletic Department was a pleasure for us to cover from day one.

Photos:
From week to week I get the chance to take photos of our Taylor life and amazing athletes, and somehow every single week, I learn something new. Over the course of this semester, though, I have learned one all-encompassing thing: when you get an opportunity to be a part of something and it's something you're passionate about, go the extra mile, give it 110 percent and push yourself. Your experience at Taylor is not determined by what's provided for you, but instead what you make of it. I hope you have enjoyed the athlete of the week photos. It's been my honor!

We hope we provided you with the opportunity to engage in the world around us. We do not guarantee pleasing everyone, but we do guarantee producing stories we think can add to your life in some way. We genuinely appreciate your regular interest in the student newspaper. We hope we have challenged you in some way in thought, mind or deed. As a staff, we wish you the best and look forward serving you again next year!

Sincerely,
The Echo Staff



GETTING BACK TO CHAPEL

A RESPONSE TO LAST WEEK'S
"GOING TO CHAPEL"

While I understand the sentiments discussed in last week's "Going to Chapel?" by Kari Travis, I do want to challenge the conclusion that skipping chapel may benefit your spiritual growth.

JULIE HOGAN
CONTRIBUTOR

God and to the Taylor body. Travis made the point that spending time alone with God during the hour of chapel could be more beneficial to our spiritual growth.

I completely agree that we need regular times of solitude, and we all have busy schedules. However, should we really sacrifice a time to glorify God as a body and learn from wise Christian men

and women for a private time with God we can have at any hour of the day?

Travis and I both believe a beneficial time away from chapel is necessary in appreciating chapel and finding more meaning during those times. However, "time away" in her conclusion is physically

distancing ourselves from the actual thing we wish we got more out of and that our spirit desires.

I think a more beneficial time away is in our hearts and minds, kneeling before our God, asking for more of him and for our lives to be centered around him. The issue is not chapel but how we approach chapel. Get centered in God before you come to chapel, and you'll see distractions diminish, experience an increased desire to worship communally and develop a greater hunger for spoken truth.

Should we really sacrifice a time to glorify God as a body and learn from wise Christian men and women for a private time with God we can have at any hour of the day?

I'm not writing just to say you should regularly attend chapel to avoid missing out on epic events like Miles Drake's baby dedication (though seriously, you might miss out on major historic events like that). I'm writing to argue that regularly attending chapel can be a beneficial spiritual discipline. I want to propose that what really needs to be changed is our attitude and how we grow spiritually outside of chapel.

I have not always regularly attended chapel. Freshman year, I often slept through—or in—chapel. As the years went on, my chapel attendance increased. It seemed to have a positive correlation with my spiritual growth and maturation that occurred outside of chapel. As a last-semester senior, I am realizing just how valuable chapel times have been for me and how encouraged I've felt seeing an auditorium full of people who devote the 10 a.m. hour to

CHANGE OF PLANS

TRUSTING GOD IN THE UNEXPECTED

JULIE CLINE
CONTRIBUTOR

It's the end of senior year, and change is inevitable. Jobs, grad school, missions and moving back home are all considerations for those of us leaving Taylor. With graduation quickly approaching, every senior will tell you the number one question being asked is, "What are your plans after graduation?" Even I am guilty of asking this question.

While each of us has different answers to this question, I hope you can find some way to relate to my story.

What does this question mean to me? It's terrifying, exhilarating, frustrating and humbling all at the same time.

Anyone who knows me will tell you I've always had a plan for my life. Go to Taylor University, major in public relations—because it's as close as I can get to event planning—graduate in three years, move to the city, acquire a job in event coordinating, make an impact on corporate America and pay back Taylor loans.

While none of these things on my list were bad, they left no room for God to step in, intervene and change the grand plan I had for my life.

To cover all my bases for my future without deviating from my plan, I applied to grad school—thinking I wouldn't get accepted and I could continue life. But then God opened doors to new places, and I had to make a choice.

Am I at peace about this choice? Yes. Am I confident about this choice? No. Is it the right choice? Given my options, I don't think there would have been a wrong one. However, when looking at my life now and what the future holds, I noticed one common trend on which so much of it was based.

In response to the question, I take a deep

breath—not because I am ashamed, but because I'm still surprised—and then I say something like, "Actually, I'll be back at Taylor in the fall."

People's expressions turn to a concerned look of, "Why?"

Inside, I laugh because this response amazes even me. Two months ago, I answered this question in a different way. I never thought I would be coming back to Taylor for another two years.

Graduate school was not something I planned. But this life isn't about my plans. This life is about walking with God, seeking him first and walking through the doors he opens. I need to remind myself constantly that I don't need light to shine on the rest of my life, the next five years of my life or even the next year. I need God to shine light on today and show me

where to go in the here and now. I need to be reminded that in planning for the future, I often neglect the present, and I don't want to do that because I often miss out on what God wants to teach me today.

The idea of graduate school is scary to me. People I love are leaving and going all over the world. I have never been a big fan of change.

Change is hard. Change hurts. But change is inevitable, and so many good things can come from it.

Each of the seniors leaving is about to step into new opportunities, and I don't think confidence is at the top of any person's list. Change brings anxieties, fears and unexpected adventures. But wow, adventures are fun.

I need to be reminded that in planning for the future I often neglect the present, and I don't want to do that because I often miss out on what God wants to teach me today.

Need a soapbox?

Become a contributor to the Opinions section!
Email emily_luttrull@tayloru.edu for more information. Let your voice be heard.

HISTORIC BASEBALL SEASON ENDS IN MCC TOURNAMENT



The baseball team's season ended at 35-12 after two losses to open up the MCC Tournament. The season featured an NAIA high 24 game win streak and an MCC regular season championship.

The feeling of disappointment was strong after an early exit in the MCC tournament and a denied bid to the NAIA opening round, but the Trojans aren't letting that overshadow their strong regular-season performance.

Expectations were high for the Trojans coming off two consecutive visits to the NAIA National Championship opening round.

The baseball team secured a 21-1 conference record and a 35-12 overall record in the regular season.

"Our first expectation was to win the conference championship," said head coach Kyle Gould. "Then we hoped to advance to the NAIA national tournament and then have a chance to go to the World Series."

These expectations were achievable but became much more difficult when the Trojans were plagued with injuries at the start of the season.

"We lost three of our five starting pitchers right before the season started," said senior pitcher Zach Vander Laan. "It caused us to change our expectations a little bit, but we were still hoping to go the Nationals and do some damage there."

As the season began, the Trojans' hopes

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STAFF WRITER

for a bid to Nationals faded since they started off the season 9-11. But the team responded with the longest winning streak in the NAIA this season, winning 24 games in a row.

During this stretch, the pitching dominated. The Trojans' pitching staff allowed three runs or less in 19 of those 24 games. The offense was strong as well, scoring over five runs in 18 games during the streak.

"We didn't realize we had as much pitching as we did," Vander Laan said. "Overall, our hitting is by far the best in conference."

The Trojans wrapped up the regular season by winning two of their last three games. Their 21-1 conference record was the team's best MCC finish in recent memory.

"We were 35-12, we won the conference championship, we had the longest winning streak in the NAIA and we had the highest conference winning percentage (.955) in the NAIA," Gould said. "It was a great regular season."

The Trojans were the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament, facing off against No. 6 seed St. Francis. In a 14-inning thriller, the Trojans were upset by the St. Francis Cougars 3-2.

Taylor dropped to the losers' bracket and played against second-seeded Marian later that night. The Trojans were down two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning when they loaded the bases with no outs. They scored only one run, and the final two batters struck out to end the game.

Taylor's season hung by a thread. No one knew if the Trojans would be invited back to the NAIA National Championships. Then, as Sunday came around, Taylor was left off the list of at-large berths to the NAIA opening round.

"It was disappointing," Vander Lann said. "You never want to go two-and-out. We know we were the best team—we proved that over the course of the season."

"We certainly weren't overlooking anyone, we just didn't get the hits when we needed them," Gould said. "One off day doesn't erase the whole season."

Next season, the Trojans look to get healthy and build on their strengths as they attempt to return to the NAIA National Championships.

"Hopefully we will be healthy," Gould said. "Other than that, we are just going to keep doing our thing because what we do works."

TROJAN SPORTS
IN BRIEF

BASEBALL
(35-14, 21-1)

RESULTS
Season Concluded

SCHEDULE
Season Concluded

REVIEW

Junior Rhett Goodmiller and senior Ethan Houts were named to the Capital One District 5 All-Academic team on Sunday. Goodmiller received second team honors while Houts was named to the third team. Monday Goodmiller was also named by the athletic department as Taylor's top male student athlete for the 2010-2011 academic year and received the Gates-Howard Award.

MEN'S TRACK
AND FIELD

RESULTS
05/07 Taylor Invitational, No Team Score Recorded

SCHEDULE
05/13 at North Central Invitational 3 p.m.
05/26-28 at NAIA National Outdoor Championships 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 1 p.m.

REVIEW

Senior Scott Gill's NAIA Championships qualifying long jump was one of eight first-place finishes for the men's track team at the Taylor Invitational, the most of any team at the event. Gill also won the high jump while seniors Matt Bane, Bryan Tencher and Josh Henson won the 1,500-meter run, 800-meter run and triple jump, respectively.

SOFTBALL
(19-22, 9-7)

RESULTS
Season Concluded

SCHEDULE
Season Concluded

REVIEW

Senior Emily Kramer and sophomore Holly Tomaszewski were named to the MCC All-Conference team Friday. Sophomore Sarah Heath received an honorable mention for the award. Kramer was recognized Sunday for being selected to the Capital One District 5 All-Academic team with second team honors.

WOMEN'S TRACK
AND FIELD

RESULTS
05/07 Taylor Invitational, No Team Score Recorded

SCHEDULE
05/13 at North Central Invitational 3 p.m.
05/26-28 at NAIA National Outdoor Championships 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 1 p.m.

REVIEW

The women's track team came away from the Taylor Invitational with nine first-place finishes, the most of any team at the event. Sophomore Henrietta Carey won both the 200-meter dash and the long jump while freshman Carlene Johnson placed first in the high jump and javelin throw. Other winners for the Trojans included junior Kirstin Hegelein in the 5,000-meter run and freshman Erin Price in the 400-meter hurdles, sophomore Emily Perschbacher in the 100-meter hurdles.

TRACK TEAMS WIN 17 EVENTS AT TAYLOR INVITATIONAL

The Taylor track team shined last Saturday at the Taylor Invitational and had the most first-place finishes of any school.

Although no team scores were kept, the women's track team had nine first place finishes, while the men had eight first-place finishes.

Sophomore Henrietta Carey and freshman Carlene Johnson led the way for the women by winning multiple events. Carey won the 200-meter dash in 25.79 seconds and the long jump with a 17-foot leap. Johnson won the javelin throw with a 106' 9" throw and the high jump with a 4'11 ¾" jump.

Senior Scott Gill led the way for the men, winning the high jump and the long jump. Gill qualified for nationals in both events.

Other winners included senior Matt Bane, who won the 1,500 his first time competing

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with a time of 4:11.26. "We were really pleased," said Ted Bowers, head coach of the men's and women's teams. "We had eight PRs [personal records] for the day ... Morgan Achterhoff[s] ... 800 was a top-10 performance and six seconds below her PR, and for her last home meet, that was a great way for her to go out ... Janet Redding [had a] PR in the 1,500, too. It was a nice way for them to end their careers here."

Several runners qualified for nationals, including Carey in the 100 and 200 and junior Stephanie Kenney in the 800. The 4x100 women's relay team of Carey, Kenney, Johnson and junior LaJoya Smith also qualified.

Gill and senior Adam Schroer qualified for Nationals in the 10,000-meter event. More runners hope to qualify today at the North Central Invitational.

Carey reached the semi-final round last year in the 100 and missed the final by hundredths of a second. She hopes to qualify for the final this year.

"[Nationals is] pretty tough," Bowers said. "You have to run great on Thursday and Friday to make it into Saturday's final."

Bowers thinks Gill—who won long jump at National during his second year—has a great shot to place.

"He's peaking at the right time," Bowers said. "He looks like he could score in both [high jump and long jump] ... He's ready to max out his potential."

Overall, Bowers is pleased with the season.

"So far, we've set 5 school records ... we had 19 top-10 performances. It was a huge year."

Nationals is May 26-28.



Sophomore Kyle Anderson won the 400-meter hurdles at the Taylor Invitational with a time of 55.20.

ECHO ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Ryne Otis



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Junior Ryne Otis has had a bat in his hand as long as he can remember. Named after Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg, Otis said he started playing baseball when he started walking.

Like Sandberg, Otis was a standout on the diamond early on. He began traveling to baseball tournaments when he was in second grade, and his early high school performance put him on the path to play Division I baseball. But during his junior year of high school, while being recruited by several Division I colleges, Otis "tore just about everything" in his left shoulder during a basketball game.

"At that point I didn't even know if I would throw again," Otis said.

College coaches weren't sure if he would either. Otis's dream of playing college baseball collapsed.

"I didn't really know who would take me," he said.

The only college that wasn't nervous about Otis recovering was Taylor. "Coach Gould was the only coach who said that I would get back to normal and I'd be able to play again," he said.

Head coach Kyle Gould was right. Although not able to pitch due to his shoulder injury, Otis signed with the Trojans to play first base and took the region by storm at the plate, batting 0.414 over 53 games his freshman year. Otis also slugged 0.648, adding eight home runs and 60 RBIs.

"[Otis] doesn't give any at-bats away," Gould said. "He competes every at-bat. He doesn't give any pitches away.

You're gonna have to work to get him out."

Back to normal. Otis put together another huge statistical campaign his sophomore year, batting 0.407 and slugging 0.763, while adding 13 home runs, 68 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.

"He's played at a high level his whole life, so he really understands the game well," Gould said. "He just works really hard. He brings his best everyday"

Back to normal. The 2011 campaign was much of the same for Otis, but in addition to his offensive statistics, he committed less

than half as many errors as his sophomore year. With just four errors in 49 games, Otis led the Trojans with a 0.988 fielding percentage.

"He impacts the game defensively as much as any player in our league," Gould said. "He saves a lot of outs over there."

Pretty good for a first baseman who would rather play somewhere else on the diamond.

"Being left-handed, it's pretty limited. There are other positions that I would rather be playing if God made me right handed, but it didn't work out that way."

Offensively, Otis led the Mid-Central College (MCC) Conference in slugging percentage, hits and total bases,

and was second in the league in runs, doubles, triples and home runs.

"He had his third great season in a row," Gould said. "Hit for average. Hit for power. Stole bases. Ryne had a great year."

Hitting 0.432 with 28 runs, 28 RBIs, nine stolen bases and six home runs in 22 conference games won Otis Taylor's third-straight MCC Player of the Year.

"It would have meant more to go on in the regional than to win that award. But it's an honor to have it. If there's an award out there, I'm a competitive guy. I want to win it."

A finance major, Otis plans to be a stockbroker or a financial consultant. "I'd love to get paid to play baseball," Otis said. "That would be like a dream. But it's got to end sometime. I guess it just depends on if I have that opportunity."

Otis will play in the Northwoods League this summer with top college players from around the country. Current Major League Baseball players Andre Ethier, Jean Pierre, Jeff Weaver, Curtis Granderson and Ben Zobrist all played in the Northwoods League.

"My teammates all laugh when they hear where I'm from. They say 'what does NAIA stand for?'"

As soon as Otis steps up to the plate, however, there is no denying it—he's back to normal, and then some.

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